

III. REMARKS

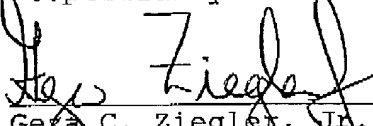
1. Claim 38 is amended to correct its claim dependency from "38" to claim 1. Claims 26-36 are cancelled without prejudice.

2. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1-7, 9-13 and 37 and 39. It is presumed that claim 38 should be allowable since it depends from claim 1, which is indicated as being allowed. All of the claims now pending should be allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of \$840 (one month was previously paid for already) for a three-month extension of time as well as any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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